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countries so *over-flown*, still situate between the tropicks?

Sixteen hundred and odd years after the earth was made, it was *over-flowed* and destroyed in a deluge of water, that overpread the face of the whole earth, from pole to pole, and from east to west.

Thus oft by mariners are shewn,
Earl Godwin's castles *over-flown*.
O'VER-FLOW. *n. f.* [*over and flow*.] Inundation; more than fulness; such a quantity as runs over; exuberance.

Did he break out into tears?—
In great measure—
—A kind *over-flow* of kindness.

Where there are great *over-flows* in fens, the drowning of them in winter maketh the summer following more fruitful; for that it keepeth the ground warm.

It requires pains to find the coherence of abstruse writings: so that it is not to be wondered, that St. Paul's epistles have, with many, passed rather for disjointed pious discourses, full of warmth and zeal and *over-flows* of light, rather than for calm, strong, coherent reasonings all through.

After every *over-flow* of the Nile, there was not always a menuration.

If this softens not the expression, it may be ascribed to an *over-flow* of gratitude in the general disposition of Ulysses.

O'VER-FLOWING. *n. f.* [*from over-flow*.] Exuberance; copiousness.

When men are young, they might vent the *over-flowings* of their fancy that way.

When the *over-flowings* of ungodliness make us afraid, the ministers of religion cannot better discharge their duty of opposing it.

O'VER-FLOWINGLY. *adv.* [*from over-flowing*.] Exuberantly; in great abundance. A word not elegant nor in use.

Nor was it his indigence that forced him to make the world; but his goodness pressed him to impart the goods which he *over-flowingly* abounds with.

To *O'VER-FLY*. *v. a.* [*over and fly*.] To cross by flight.

Can scarce *over-fly* them in a day and night.

O'VER-FORWARDNESS. *n. f.* [*over and forwardness*.] Too great quickness; too great readiness.

By an *over-forwardness* in courts to give countenance to frivolous exceptions, though they make nothing to the true merit of the cause, it often happens that causes are not determined according to their merits.

To *O'VER-FREIGHT*. *v. a.* *pret. over-freighted*; part. *over-fraught*. [*over and freight*.] To load too heavily; to fill with too great quantity.

A boat *over-freighted* with people, in rowing down the river, was, by the extreme weather, sunk.

Whispers the *over-fraught* heart and bids it break.

This sinking barque, I shall not live to shew
How I abhor my first rash crime.

To *O'VER-GET*. *v. a.* [*over and get*.] To reach; to come up with.

With six hours hard riding, through so wild places, as it was rather the cunning of my horse sometimes, than of myself, so rightly to hit the way, I *over-got* them a little before night.

To *O'VER-GLANCE*. *v. a.* [*over and glance*.] To look hastily over.

I have, but with a cursory eye,
O'er-glanc'd the articles.

O'VER-GO. *v. a.* [*over and go*.] To surpass; to excel.

Thinking it beyond the degree of humanity to have a wit so far *over-going* his age, and such dreadful terror proceed from so excellent beauty.

Great nature hath laid down at last,
That mighty birth wherewith so long she went,
And *over-went* the times of ages past.

Here to lie in upon our soft content.

To *O'VER-GORGE*. *v. a.* [*over and gorge*.] To gorge too much.

Art thou grown great,
And, like ambitious Sylla, *over-gorg'd*.

O'VER-GREAT. *adj.* [*over and great*.] Too great.

Though putting the mind unprepared upon an unusual stress ought to be avoided; yet this must not run it, by an *over-great* thyness of difficulties, into a lazy sauntering about obvious things.

To *O'VERGROW*. *v. a.* [*over and grow*.]

1. To cover with growth.

Roof and floor, and walls were all of gold,
But *over-grown* with dust and old decay,

And hid in darkness that none could behold

The hue thereof.

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The woods and desert caves,
With wild thyme and the gadding vine *o'er-grown*,
And all their echo's mourn.

2. To rise above.

If the binds be very strong and much *over-grown* the poles, some advice to strike off their heads with a long switch.

To *O'VER-GROW*. *v. n.* To grow beyond the fit or natural size.

One part of his army, with incredible labour, cut a way thorough the thick and *over-grown* woods, and so came to Solyman.

A huge *over-grown* ox was grazing in a meadow.

Whole fortune is not *over-grown*.

O'VER-GROWTH. *n. f.* [*over and growth*.] Exuberant growth.

The *over-growth* of some complexion,
Oft breaking down the pales and forts of reason.

The fortune in being the first in an invention, doth cause sometimes a wonderful *over-growth* in riches.

Too numerous.

To *O'VER-HALE*. *v. a.* [*over and hale*.]

1. To spread over.

The welked Phebus gan avail
His weary wain, and now the frosty night
Her mantle black thro' heaven gan *over-hale*.

2. To examine over again: as, he *over-haled* my account.

To *O'VER-HANG*. *v. a.* [*over and hang*.] To jut over; to impend over.

Lend the eye a terrible aspect,
Let the brow overwhelm it,
As fearfully as doth a galled rock

O'er-hang and jutting his confounded base.

Hide me ye forests, in your closest bow'rs,
Where flows the murm'ring brook, inviting dreams,
Where bord'ring hazle *over-hangs* the streams.

If you drink tea upon a promontory that *over-hangs* the sea, it is preferable to an assembly.

To *O'VER-HANG*. *v. n.* To jut over.

The rest was craggy cliff, that *over-hung*
Still as it rose, impossible to climb.

To *O'VER-HARDEN*. *v. a.* [*over and harden*.] To make too hard.

By laying it in the air, it has acquired such a hardness, that it was brittle like *over-hardened* steel.

O'VER-HEAD. *adv.* [*over and head*.] Aloft; in the zenith; above; in the cieling.

Over-head the moon
Sits arbitress, and nearer to the earth
Wheels her pale course.

The four stars *over-head*, represent the four children.

To *O'VER-HEAR*. *v. a.* [*over and hear*.] To hear those who do not mean to be heard.

I am invisible,
And I will *over-hear* their conference.

They had a full fight of the Infanta at a mask dancing, having *over-heard* two gentlemen who were tending towards that fight, after whom they pressed.

That such an enemy we have who seeks
Our ruin, both by thee inform'd I learn,
And from the parting angel *over-heard*.

They were so loud in their discourse, that a black-berry from the next hedge *over-heard* them.

The nurse,
Though not the words, the murmurs *over-heard*.

The witness *over-hearing* the word pilory repeated, slunk away privately.

To *O'VER-HEAT*. *v. a.* [*over and heat*.] To heat too much.

Pleas'd with the form and coolness of the place,
And *over-heated* by the morning chase.

It must be done upon the receipt of the wound, before the patient's spirits be *over-heated* with pain or fever.

To *O'VER-HEND*. *v. a.* [*over and hend*.] To overtake; to reach.

Als his fair Leman flying through a brook,
He *over-hent* nought moved with her piteous look.

To *O'VER-JOY*. *v. a.* [*over and joy*.] To transport; to ravish.

He that puts his confidence in God only, is neither *over-joyed* in any great good things of this life, nor sorrowful for a little thing.

The bishops, partly astonished and partly *over-joyed* with these speeches, was struck into a sad silence for a time.

This love-sick virgin, *over-joy'd* to find
The boy alone; still follow'd him behind.

O'VER-JOY. *n. f.* Transport; ecstacy.

The mutual conference that my mind hath had,
Makes me the bolder to salute my king

With ruder terms; such as my wit affords,
And *over-joy* of heart doth minister.

To *O'VER-RIPEN*. *v. a.* [*over and ripen*.] To make too ripe.

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Why droops my lord, like *over-ripen'd* corn,
Hanging the head with Ceres' plenteous load?

To *O'VER-RIPE*. *v. a.* [*over and labour*.] To take too much pains on any thing; to harass with toil.

She without noise will *over-see*
His children and his family;

And order all things till he come,
Sweaty and *over-labour'd* home.

To *O'VER-LADE*. *v. a.* [*over and laide*.] To over-burthen.

Thus to throng and *over-lade* a foul
With love, and then to have a room for fear,
That shall all that controul,
What is it but to rear

Our passions and our hopes on high,
That thence they may delect

The noblest way how to despair and die?

O'VER-LARGE. *adj.* [*over and large*.] Larger than enough.

Our attainments cannot be *over-large*, and yet we manage a narrow fortune very unthrifely.

O'VER-LASHINGLY. *n. f.* [*over and lash*.] With exaggeration.

A mean word, now obsolete.

Although I be far from their opinion who write too *over-lashingly*, that the Arabian tongue is in use in two third parts of the inhabited world, yet I find that it extendeth where the religion of Mahomet is professed.

To *O'VER-LAY*. *v. a.* [*over and lay*.]

1. To oppress by too much weight or power.

Some commons are barren, the nature is such,
And some *over-layeth* the commons too much.

Not only that mercy which keepeth from being *over-laid* and opprest, but mercy which saveth from being touched with grievous miseries.

When any country is *over-laid* by the multitude which live upon it, there is a natural necessity compelling it to dis-burthen itself and lay the load upon others.

We praise the things we hear with much more willingness than those we see; because we envy the present, and reverence the past; thinking ourselves instructed by the one, and *over-laid* by the other.

Good laws had been antiquated by the course of time, or *over-laid* by the corruption of manners.

Our fins have *over-laid* our hopes.

The strong Emetrius came in Arcite's aid,
And Palamon with odds was *over-laid*.

2. To smother with too much or too close covering.

Nor then destroys it with too fond a flay,
Like mothers, which their infants *over-lay*.

3. To smother; to crush; to overwhelm.

Ships burnt in fight, or forc'd on rocky shores,
The new-born babes by nurses *over-laid*.

They quickly stifled and *over-laid* those infant principles, of piety and virtue, sown by God in their hearts; so that they brought a voluntary darkness and stupidity upon their minds.

The gods have made your noble mind for me,
And her insipid soul for Ptolemy:
A heavy lump of earth without desire,
A heap of ashes that *over-lays* your fire.

The stars, no longer *over-laid* with weight,
Exert their heads from underneath the mists,
And upward shoot.

Season the passions of a child with devotion, which seldom dies; though it may seem extinguished for a while, it breaks out as soon as misfortunes have brought the man to himself.

The fire may be covered and *over-laid*, but cannot be entirely quenched and smothered.

In preaching, no men succeed better than those who trust to the fund of their own reasons, advanced but not *over-laid* by commerce with books.

To cloud; to over-cast.

Phoebus' golden face it did attain,
As when a cloud his beams doth *over-lay*.

5. To cover superficially.

The *over-laying* of their chapters was of silver, and all the pillars were filled with silver.

By his precept a sanctuary is fram'd
Of cedar, *over-laid* with gold.

6. To join by something laid over.

To fortify thus far, and *over-lay*,
With this portentous bridge, the dark abyss.

To *O'VERLEAP*. *v. a.* [*over and leap*.] To pass by a jump.

A step
On which I must fall down or else *o'er-leap*,
For in my way it lies.

In vain did nature's wife command
Divide the waters from the land;
If daring ships and men prophane,
Th' eternal fences *over-leap*,
And pass at will the boundless deep.

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OVERLEATHER. *n. f.* [*over and leather*.] The part of the shoe that covers the foot.

I have sometimes more feet than shoes; or such shoes as my toes look through the *over-leather*.

OVERLIGHT. *n. f.* [*over and light*.] Too strong light.

An *over-light* maketh the eyes dark, inasmuch as perpetual looking against the sun would cause blindness.

To *O'VERLIVE*. *v. a.* [*over and live*.] To live longer than another; to survive; to out-live.

Mufidorus, who shewed a mind not to *over-live* Pyrocles, prevailed.

He concludes in hearty prayers,
That your attempts may *over-live* the hazard
And fearful meeting of their opposite.

They *over-lived* that envy, and had their pardons afterwards.

To *O'VERLIVE*. *v. n.* To live too long.

Why do I *over-live*?
Why am I mock'd with death, and lengthen'd out
To deathless pain?

O'VERLIVER. *n. f.* [*from over-live*.] Survivor; that which lives longest.

A peace was concluded, to continue for both the kings lives, and the *over-liver* of them.

To *O'VERLOAD*. *v. a.* [*over and load*.] To burthen with too much.

The memory of youth is charged and *over-loaded*, and all they learn is meer jargon.

O'VERLONG. *adj.* [*over and long*.] Too long.

I have transgressed the laws of oratory, in making my periods and parentheses *over-long*.

To *O'VERLOOK*. *v. a.* [*over and look*.]

1. To view from a higher place.

The pile *o'er-look'd* the town, and drew the fight,
Surpris'd at once with reverence and delight.

I will do it with the same respect to him, as if he were alive, and *over-looking* my paper while I write.

2. To view fully; to peruse.

Would I had *o'er-look'd* the letter.

3. To superintend; to over-see.

He was present in person to *over-look* the magistrates, and to over-awe those subjects with the terror of his sword.

In the greater out parishes many of the poor parishioners through neglect do perish, for want of some heedful eye to *over-look* them.

4. To review.

The time and care that are required,
To *over-look* and file, and polish well,
Fright poets from that necessary toil.

5. To pass by indulgently.

This part of good-nature which consists in the pardoning and *over-looking* of faults, is to be exercised only in doing ourselves justice in the ordinary commerce of life.

In vain do we hope that God will *over-look* such high contradiction of sinners, and pardon offences committed against the plain convictions of conscience.

6. To neglect; to slight.

Of the two relations, Christ *over-looked* the meaner, and entitled and denominated them solely from the more honourable.

To *over-look* the entertainment before him, and languish for that which lies out of the way, is sickly and servile.

The suffrage of our poet laureat should not be *over-looked*.

Religious fear, when produced by just apprehensions of a divine power, naturally *over-shoots* all human greatness that stands in competition with it, and extinguishes every other terror.

The happiest of mankind, *over-looking* those solid blessings which they already have, set their hearts upon somewhat they want.

They *over-look* truth in the judgments they pass on adversity and prosperity. The temptations that attend the former they can easily see, and dread at a distance; but they have no apprehensions of the dangerous consequences of the latter.

O'VERLOOKER. *n. f.* [*over and look*.]

The original word signifies an *over-looker*, or one who stands higher than his fellows and *over-looks* them.

O'VERLOOP. *n. f.* The same with *orlop*.

In extremity we carry our ordinance better than we were wont, because our nether *over-loops* are raised commonly from the water; to wit, between the lower part of the port and the sea.

OVERMASTED. *adj.* [*over and mast*.] Having too much mast.

Cloanthus better mann'd, puri'd him fast,
But his *o'er-masted* gally check'd his haste.

To *OVERMASTER*. *v. a.* [*over and master*.] To subdue; to govern.

For your desire to know what is between us,
O'er-master it as you may.

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